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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1 and 18 as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A remote control stand for releasably holding at least one remote control and facilitating directional control of signal transmissions from the remote control, said stand comprising:

a base;

a rigid rod extending from said base, said rod defining a vertical axis;

supporting means, [extending from said base]rotatably mounted to said rod, for
supporting at least one remote control;

mounting means for releasably mounting at least one remote control to said support
means; and

directing means, in mechanical communication with said supporting means, for
directing signal transmissions from the remote control toward electronic equipment to be controlled
while the remote control is mounted to said supporting means.

2. (Once Amended) A stand as recited in claim 1, wherein said [base]directing means is
rotatable around a fixed horizontal axis and around a fixed vertical axis.

3. (Once Amended) A stand as recited in claim 1, [further comprising]wherein said rigid

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rod is[:

A] height adjustable[stand for resting the base and adjusting height].

4. (Original) A stand as recited in claim 1, wherein said means for directing signal transmissions is adjustable.

5. (Once Amended) A stand as recited in claim 1, wherein said means for directing signal transmissions comprises:

a least one optical wave guide, mounted to said rigid rod, having an optical input, optical output and at least one light reflective surface between said input and output.

6. (Original) A stand as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

a lamp socket for mechanically and electrically supporting a light bulb; and
means for providing electrical power to said lamp socket.

7. (Once Amended) A stand as recited in claim 1, [wherein said means for supporting comprises]further comprising:

said supporting means comprises a top plate rotably secured to said directing means;

[a top plate releasably secured to a center rod, said center rod extending between said base and said top plate]said directing means comprising a bracket rotatably mounted to said rigid rod in

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a manner that facilitates rotation around a vertical axis at least partially defined by said rigid rod and a substantially horizontal axle rotatably mounting said top plate to said bracket for facilitating rotation of said top plate around said horizontal axle for pitch adjustment.

8. (Original) A stand as recited in claim 1, wherein said means for releasably mounting at least one remote control comprises:

a hook-and-loop fastener.

9. (Once Amended) A stand as recited in claim 1, wherein said means for directing comprises:

a remote control holding plate rotatably mounted to said supporting means, said plate being rotatable [upward and downward]around a vertical axis and a horizontal axis.

10. (Once Amended) A remote control stand for releasably holding at least one remote control, said stand comprising:

a base;

a[n] rigid, vertically adjustable pole secured to said base;

a bracket rotatably mounted to said pole in a manner for facilitating rotation around a substantially vertical axis at least partially defined by said pole[substantially horizontal adjustment];

a remote control holder rotatably mounted to said bracket by a substantially horizontally

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positioned axle for adjusting the pitch of said remote control holder; and

[clamp]means for mounting at least one remote control to said holder.

11. (Once Amended) A stand as recited in claim 10, wherein said adjustable pole is telescopic for adjusting the height of said pole.

12. (Original) A stand as recited in claim 10, wherein said adjustable pole comprises a plurality of releasably connecting rods.

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NEW CLAIMS

Please add claims 13 and 14, without prejudice, as follows:

13. (New) A stand as recited in claim 10, wherein said mounting means comprises at least one clamp.

14. (New) A stand as recited in claim 10, wherein said mounting means comprises hook-and-loop.

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COMPLETE LIST OF CLAIMS

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a base;

a rigid rod extending from said base, said rod defining a vertical axis;

supporting means, rotatably mounted to said rod, for supporting at least one remote control;

mounting means for releasably mounting at least one remote control to said support means; and

directing means, in mechanical communication with said supporting means, for directing signal transmissions from the remote control toward electronic equipment to be controlled while the remote control is mounted to said supporting means.

2. (Once Amended) A stand as recited in claim 1, wherein said directing means is rotatable around a fixed horizontal axis and around a fixed vertical axis.

3. (Once Amended) A stand as recited in claim 1, wherein said rigid rod is height

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adjustable.

4. (Original) A stand as recited in claim 1, wherein said means for directing signal transmissions is adjustable.

5. (Once Amended) A stand as recited in claim 1, wherein said means for directing signal transmissions comprises:

a least one optical wave guide, mounted to said rigid rod, having an optical input, optical output and at least one light reflective surface between said input and output.

6. (Original) A stand as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

a lamp socket for mechanically and electrically supporting a light bulb; and
means for providing electrical power to said lamp socket.

7. (Once Amended) A stand as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

said supporting means comprises a top plate rotatably secured to said directing means;
said directing means comprising a bracket rotatably mounted to said rigid rod in a manner that facilitates rotation around a vertical axis at least partially defined by said rigid rod and a substantially horizontal axle rotatably mounting said top plate to said bracket for facilitating rotation of

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said top plate around said horizontal axle for pitch adjustment.

8. (Original) A stand as recited in claim 1, wherein said means for releasably mounting at least one remote control comprises:

a hook-and-loop fastener.

9. (Once Amended) A stand as recited in claim 1, wherein said means for directing comprises:

a remote control holding plate rotatably mounted to said supporting means, said plate being rotatable around a vertical axis and a horizontal axis.

10. (Once Amended) A remote control stand for releasably holding at least one remote control, said stand comprising:

a base;

a rigid, vertically adjustable pole secured to said base;

a bracket rotatably mounted to said pole in a manner for facilitating rotation around a substantially vertical axis at least partially defined by said pole;

a remote control holder rotatably mounted to said bracket by a substantially

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horizontally positioned axle for adjusting the pitch of said remote control holder; and

means for mounting at least one remote control to said holder.

11. (Once Amended) A stand as recited in claim 10, wherein said adjustable pole is telescopic for adjusting the height of said pole.

12. (Original) A stand as recited in claim 10, wherein said adjustable pole comprises a plurality of releasably connecting rods.

13. (New) A stand as recited in claim 10, wherein said mounting means comprises at least one clamp.

14. (New) A stand as recited in claim 10, wherein said mounting means comprises hook-and-loop.